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PREMIER ASQUITH STILL IN DUBLIN

Probably at His Suggestion There Has Been Great Modification of Regulations of the Movements of Citizens

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, May 14.—According to Reynolds's Weekly, Sir Roger Casement was visited by three friends in the London Tower yesterday and discussed his case with them for nearly an hour. Sir Roger is in much better health than a fortnight ago. He has been permitted to read and has taken regular exercise.

It is understood that prosecution against Sir Roger will last four or five days. The prisoner will be conveyed secretly to the police court and there will be no opportunity of seeing him unless admission to the court is gained, which will be most difficult, as there are accommodations for only sixty spectators.

Modify Dublin Regulations

DUBLIN, May 14.—Great modification in the regulations of martial law gave the people greater freedom. All may now come and go as they wish between the hours of 4 in the morning and midnight. During the remaining four hours they must keep within doors.

It is generally understood that Premier Asquith is responsible for this relaxation. The premier's study of conditions and the sentiments of the people apparently convinced him that there was no element of rebellion spirit remaining.

Mr. Asquith's chief occupation since his arrival in Dublin has consisted in seeking a method for the adjustment of the Irish crisis and ascertaining whether it would be advisable to return to the former system of government or adopt a change of rule more in accordance with the wishes of the people. The premier has also given some attention to minor factors, those having to do with the disposal of the remaining rebel prisoners and compensation for the material damage done in Dublin.

Neither of these questions has yet been solved, but Mr. Asquith has an opportunity to see and question a number of rebels in the detention barracks and today again visited the ruins of the buildings destroyed in various sections of the city.

The view widely prevails that Mr. Asquith on his return to London will propose to incorporate the nationalist and unionist forces of armed volunteers into the auxiliary troops of the imperial army and thus avoid the admittedly perilous problem of disarming everybody in Ireland not belonging to the recognized military organizations. At the same time, the opinion grows apace in favor of a real Irish executive council, formed of Irishmen, entirely conversant with the people and their aspirations and needs.

All the newspapers, whatever their politics, express the desire that the best should be made out of the situation, and calls for concessions by the extremists of both sides, although it declares they do not represent the true feelings of the Irish people.

To Visit Belfast

BELFAST, May 14.—It is announced that Premier Asquith will visit Belfast on Monday.

Trial Of Youth For Slaying Sweetheart Begins Today

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] CHICAGO, May 14.—The trial of Will H. Orpet, the University of Wisconsin student, on charge of murdering his sweetheart, Marion Lambert, will begin at Waukegan, tomorrow. The evidence, it is said, will be largely circumstantial. The essential question for the jury to decide will be whether the poison by which the girl died was obtained by herself or by Orpet. The state will attempt to prove that the defendant gave her

MINOR ENGAGEMENT REPORTED THROUGHOUT FRANCE AND BELGIUM

ART DELAYS FLIGHT JAPS MOB HIM

OSAKA, Japan, May 15.—A riot occurred today as a result of Arthur Smith, an American aviator, delaying the commencement of a flight. Smith was injured slightly by stones thrown by the mob and was taken to a hospital. His aeroplane was damaged and its engine destroyed.

The police had some difficulty in quelling the disturbance and before they were able to do so many persons in the crowd were injured. Twenty-eight of the rioters were arrested.

POINCARE SAYS GERMANY MUST ASK FOR PEACE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NANCY, May 14.—President Poincaré, in an address here today responded to Germany's declaration regarding peace contained in the German reply to the American note.

"France does not want Germany to tender peace," said the president, "but wants her adversary to ask for peace."

The president then made known clearly the only kind of peace which would be acceptable to France. The address was delivered at the Hotel d'Alsace before a large number of Lorraine refugees, to whom the president, after expressing his sympathies and renewing promises of solidarity and protection said:

"France will not expose her positions to the dangers of new aggressions. The central empire, hitherto by remorse for having brought on the war, are terrified by the indignation and hatred they have stirred up in mankind, are trying today to make the world believe that the entire allies alone are responsible for the prolongation of hostilities—a dull irony which will deceive no one."

"Neither directly nor indirectly have our enemies offered us peace. But we do not want them to offer it to us. We want them to ask it of us. We do not want to submit to their conditions. We want to impose ours on them. We do not want a peace which would leave imperial Germany with the power to recommence the war and keep Europe eternally menaced. We want peace which receives from restored rights serious guarantees of freedom and stability."

So long as that peace is not assured to us so long as our enemies will not recognize themselves as vanquished, we will not cease to fight."

President Poincaré told the refugees (Continued on Page Three)

SERBIA KNEW OF ACTIVITIES OF SERB MAJOR TANKOSSICH

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BELGRADE, June 15, 1914.—A statement tending to show that certain activities of the Serbian Major Tankossich, who has been referred to as the man who started the European war, was given out today by the Overseas News Agency. It follows:

"It is reported from Sarajevo, Bosnia, that at the time Austro-Hungarian troops invaded Serbia, the following document was discovered:

"Police department, Municipality of Belgrade.

"Number (Confidential).

"After the assassination at Sarajevo of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, the Princess of Hohenberg, which brought on the war, the Austrian government, formally charged Major Tankossich with having supplied the revolver with which the crime was committed. In the Austrian note of July 23, 1914, a demand was made on Serbia for a pledge for the immediate arrest of Major Tankossich and a certain Milan Ciganovic, Serbian state officials, who have been compromised as a result of the investigations."

Serbia replied that the major had been arrested and that a warrant had been issued for Ciganovic, who was said to be an Austrian subject. Tankossich was killed during the Serbian campaign.

The poison and got her to take it by saying that it was a medicine which would avert motherhood. Orpet's father and the father of the girl both are gardeners employed on the estate at Lake Forest, a suburb. Both gardeners had a supply of cyanide of potassium to treat plant pests. The defense will allege that the poison was as available to the girl as to her former lover. Young Orpet has been in jail awaiting the trial for several months.

Asiatic Turkey only Theater Where Infantry Actions Reported; Bombardments Are Still in Progress on Russian Fronts

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

Asiatic Turkey is the only war theater where infantry actions of any great importance are reported. On the line in France and Belgium and in the Austro-Italian theater, there have been minor engagements. On the Russian front bombardments alone are in progress.

The Russians and the Turks are continuing their attacks and counterattacks in the region south of the Black Sea littoral, and also west of the Persian border, where the Russians are endeavoring to force their way through into the Mesopotamian region, with Bagdad and a junction with the British forces farther south their evident objective.

To the northwest of Erzerum, in the Kope mountain region, Constantine reports the repulse with heavy losses of Russian attacks to regain lost positions. Petrograd admits that in this general region, around Erzerum and Aschikala, the Turks forced their advance guards to retire at some points, but says the Ottoman forces desisted in their attacks after having suffered extremely heavy casualties.

Farther south, to the east of Masul, the Russians are throwing a fresh force into the attack directed toward Bagdad region. Here they have occupied the Rowanduz region which lies some 120 miles north of Kasr-Shirin, where they were last reported to be operating. This would place the Russian troops at points about 100 miles north and 120 miles northeast of Bagdad.

The region of La Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun, again is under heavy bombardment, while east of the Meuse an intermittent cannonading is in progress. No infantry attacks have been attempted. The Germans succeeded in entering British trenches in the Ploeghefort wood, but were immediately ejected, while British patrols captured German trenches south of La Hah canal. The Germans are showing considerable artillery activity against numerous sectors held by the British.

Bombard French Positions

PARIS, May 14.—French positions near Deadman's Hill on the Verdun front, were bombarded shelling last night, but there was no infantry attack. A German thrust south of Hove was repulsed, the official statement of this afternoon says.

Grenade Attack Repulsed

BERLIN, May 14.—By wireless to Sayville.—The republic of a French attack with hand grenades on German positions in the vicinity of Hill 394, on the Verdun front, is announced by the statement of today from general headquarters.

An official announcement issued (Continued on Page Three)

ARMY BILL OUT OF WAY PAVES PATH FOR NAVY

National Defense Legislation Again to Fore—Army Reorganization Bill Will Probably Be Disposed of This Week

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 14.—National defense legislation is again to the fore in congress and with final disposition of the army reorganization bill this week particular attention will be turned to the completion of the naval building program which is to be passed on Thursday by the house committee on naval affairs.

As soon as the committee reports on the naval increases the task of working out the revenue problem to meet the extraordinary defense expenditures will be undertaken by the house ways and means committee in cooperation with the senate finance committee.

The compromise army reorganization bill which will provide for a regular army of 200,000 men at peace strength is reasonably satisfactory to the advocates of adequate national defense although many had hoped for acceptance of the senate bill which would have given a standing army of 250,000 peace strength.

The conference report on the army bill will be submitted to the house for approval on Tuesday by Representative May and to the senate by Senator Chamberlain later in the week. It should be on the president's desk for approval by Friday or Saturday.

Throughout the week just passed there has been a slump in the progress of general legislation owing to the filibuster against the \$12,000,000 rivers and harbors bill and a fight approximately a filibuster on the rural credits bill. Senators Kenyon and Sherman have been alone in conducting the rivers and harbors fight, admit that they have no chance of success and their efforts are expected to terminate within a day or two. Then the senate will take on the land leasing bill which is on the administration's conservation program. The rural credits fight is expected to end with passage of the bill before adjournment tomorrow night.

In the house attention will direct chiefly during the week to the government shipping bill in which the administration is particularly interested. The rules committee contemplates bringing in a special rule on Tuesday with a view to disposing of the shipping bill within a few days but a fight already has been organized by the minority against this plan and it may be frustrated. Administration leaders, however, are determined to press the bill.

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Obregon Pleased With Conference

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] TOBACCO, Mex., May 14.—General Obregon and Governor Enriquez of Chihuahua, when seen here en route to Mexico City, expressed themselves as well pleased with the results of the border conference and said they thought that the authorities in Washington and Queretaro would soon reach a working agreement satisfactory to both in regard to putting down brigandage in Mexico. They said President Wilson's policy of giving the constitutional forces a chance to show their ability to clean up the Villistas had been well received by the government. If any trouble were precipitated it would in their belief, be due to the machinations of hostile enemies along the frontier.

General Samuel de Los Santos left the party at Torreon to remain as president of the war council. All troops that can be spared are being moved north so as to finish the Villistas with all speed.

MEXICANS TO FIGHT FOR UNITED STATES

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, May 14.—Two hundred Mexicans at San Benito who have expressed a desire to form a battalion to fight for the United States in event of trouble with Mexico will not be mustered into the Texas national guard, but will hold themselves readiness to answer all of the United States government. This was decided today at a mass meeting of 350 Mexicans who were addressed by Colonel E. L. Bullock, and Major L. F. Kilbourne of the 28th, United States Infantry and several prominent Mexicans.

ANOTHER RAID OVER BORDER IS REPORTED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MARATHON, May 14.—Another raid into American territory by Mexican bandits was made Friday night at McKinney Springs ranch, 67 miles south of Marathon and 23 miles north of Boquillas, along the Marathon-Boquillas road, according to H. E. Stafford, an attorney of El Paso. Mr. Stafford arrived here late this afternoon from Boquillas to which place he had accompanied Major Langhorne last Saturday as a guide. He secured his information from ranchmen in the McKinney Springs district as he was passing through there en route to Marathon today. There was no shooting he said.

Rumors of Raids

COLUMBUS, May 14.—Numerous rumors were current here tonight that the American border patrol had been fired on by Mexicans somewhere in the vicinity of Hachita, N. M., 45 miles west of Columbus. Reports to Colonel H. G. Sichel, commanding the patrol, made no mention of anything happening, however. Authorities here do not place any credence in the story.

SCOTT DUE TO REPORT TODAY IN WASHINGTON

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, is due here tomorrow with a detailed report of his discussions at El Paso, with General Alvaro Obregon, war minister of the de facto government of Mexico. The conference brought on formal or even tentative agreement as to the situation along the border, and the status of the American troops now in Mexico, but there are indications that General Scott will be able to give Secretary Baker and officials of the state department definite information as to what General Carranza proposed to do toward demonstrating his ability to stop brigandage along the international line.

General Scott's telegraphic report at the conclusion of the conference threw little light on the situation further than to indicate that the exchange of views with the Mexican war minister had been of a wholly friendly character. Since that time reports of Carranza troop movements have come indicating that the de facto government was taking active steps in the regions south of Boquillas and also moving into the territory abandoned by General Pershing's forces as they are drawn north toward San Antonio, probably the southern base of the expeditionary force for some time to come.

Secretary Lansing expects to have a long conference with General Scott before the president prepares to renew the diplomatic discussion of the status of the American expeditionary forces with General Carranza. Carranza's ambassador here, General Obregon's views will be fully canvassed and the state department also expects to get some light on whether it was the war minister of General Carranza himself who prevented the ratification of the formal agreement worked out by the conferees at their first meetings.

This question has been a puzzling one to many of those here. Special Agent Rogers at Mexico City reported that the de facto government had officially announced the success of the border negotiations. This was taken to mean that Carranza had approved the plan. Then came the statement by the conferees themselves (Continued on Page Three)

Arizona Infantry To Be Volunteers After Today

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

EL PASO, Tex., May 14.—General Frederick Funston has ordered an investigation of the fires last night at Fort Bliss near El Paso.

Army Posts on Guard

EL PASO, Tex., May 14.—Army posts and stations along the border were on their guard against incendiaries today following last night's two fires at Ft. Bliss, where flames of unknown origin destroyed a storehouse, three cavalry stables, three houses and some tents. Army officers express the opinion that an investigation will disclose the fires could not have been of spontaneous or accidental origin. It was said that there was no attempt on the ammunition house. The storehouse where the first fire occurred, contained some machine guns. Two other fires of recent occurrence have been of suspicious nature. At the field base at Columbus, N. M., about \$200 worth of hay was destroyed. Two weeks ago the El Paso Country club, not far from Fort Bliss burned to the ground with a loss of \$255,000.

COMMANDER OF BORDER FORCES NOW PREPARED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

Has Already Begun Consideration of Plan for Reorganization of Patrol and Distribution of Troops Along Border

FIFTY THOUSAND THEN ON DUTY

Before End of Week Greater Part of Regular Troops and Militia in Shape for Quick Service Along the Border

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 14.—Major General Frederick Funston today began the consideration of a plan for the reorganization of the border patrol. Relieved of the diplomatic responsibilities and having under his direction almost 50,000 men, he outlined to his staff a redistribution of the forces that he believed would guarantee the protection of American residents from Mexican raiders.

Already forces at border stations have been strengthened, and indications today were that before the end of the week the greater part of the regular troops and militia that have been sent into the three border states would be in shape and in position for quick service along the international line. General officers will be in charge of the patrol districts. The district commanders will include Brigadier General James Parker, commanding the First cavalry brigade; Brigadier General William A. Mann, commanding the Second brigade at Laredo, Texas; and Brigadier General H. A. Greene, who has been ordered to report at headquarters here from Fort Leavenworth.

It is improbable that more troops will be sent to Colonel Sibley, who is in charge of the little expedition that crossed into Mexico near Boquillas as a result of the raid at Glenn Springs and Boquillas a week ago. Four troops of cavalry and a machine gun detachment are now operating close to the line, scouting through a limited territory south of the border, but there has not been any intention of sending forward a punitive expedition that would compare in size to that of General Pershing's in the state of Chihuahua. If the cavalry that is operating south of Boquillas fails to locate any bandits within a few days, its return to stations north of the line is probable.

Army officers here are deeply interested, however, in the efforts the Mexican troops were reported to be making to run down the bandits who raided the Big Bend district and who set hold as a prisoner Jesse Deemer, the American stockman.

Reports from General Pershing today were characterized as merely routine. Since the negotiations between Generals Scott and Funston and General Obregon and Sub-Secretary Amador began at El Paso, General Pershing has made no effort to prosecute the campaign against Villa. His forces have been withdrawn until the entire column of more than 14,000 men is almost a compact unit.

With the exception of the attempt to (Continued on Page Two)

Sierra Blanca Menaced

EL PASO, Tex., May 14.—Private messages received here tonight from Sierra Blanca said that reports had been received there that a force of Mexicans were marching on the town. Sierra Blanca is about 100 miles east of El Paso and approximately thirty miles from the border. No verification was obtainable.

Say Mexicans Attacked Troops

DEMING, N. M., May 14.—A report that the American border patrol was fired on last night by Mexicans operating in superior numbers south of the line at Antelope Wells and that the Americans were obliged to back up, caused much excitement at Hachita today. Several families already have been brought in by cowboys. The report has not been officially verified.

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FUNSTON ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF TWO INCENDIARY FIRES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 14.—General Frederick Funston has ordered an investigation of the fires last night at Fort Bliss near El Paso.

They were incendiary it is said, and evidently deliberate, almost destroyed the garrison. Two stables were burned according to the official report and an attempt was made to set fire to an ammunition house.

General Funston is anxious to know, it was said, and how the incendiaries eluded the pickets and ignited two structures an hour apart.

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